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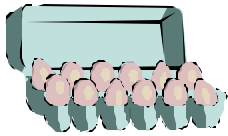
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were 1 cent higher on all sizes, unchanged elsewhere. The market tone was steady to instances firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, mostly moderate, and best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to at times close for trading needs. In the Midwest, breaking stock supplies remained tight to adequate. In the Eastern region, breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Spent hen availability was sufficient for processing needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was about steady. Demand ranged light to good, usually moderate, and best into features planned or in progress. Supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for processing needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate, and best where features were planned or in progress. Large dozen eggs were advertised for free with a \$5 purchase, restrictions apply. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Prices in other areas were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was light to fair with the feature activity providing some extra interest. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good to very good for the tight to non-existent offerings. The lack of available breaking stock left most breakers working from company owned production and some were reducing breaking schedules. Bids were 2-3 cents higher than the current quoted range and sellers were still holding with confidence. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes up 1 cent. The trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies from in close balance to adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher than current week. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were generally sufficient from regular commitments and demand for additional product was mostly moderate. Light type hens fulfilled current slaughter requirements.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo and 3 cents higher on large throughout the region, with extra large 2 cents higher, medium and small 1 cent higher in California and extra large 3 cents higher and medium unchanged in the Northwest. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	97-100	91-95	62-64
New York	72-74	69-72	55-58
Philadelphia	66-72	64-70	51-55

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-59	43-44
Jackson (1)	71-72	67-68	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-86	70-84	49-63

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	63-68	62-67	47-52
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-64	57-62	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	44-51

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	80-83	77-79	55-57
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	84-96	80-87	66-72
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	100	90	76

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 1 cent higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 89-99, 20 pack 2 for \$3, large dozen 77-99, medium 20 pack 97.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	105-115
EXTRA LARGE	84-96
LARGE	80-87
MEDIUM	66-72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher.

Offerings of heavy nest runs were tight to non-existent for the good to very good demand. Many breakers were reporting shortages of nest runs as they work from company owned production. The lack of available breaking stock had a few breakers working shortened schedules. Bids for nest runs were 2 to 3 cents higher than the current quoted range as sellers continue to hold with confidence. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-40	38-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-25	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices generally trended higher than early week trading. The market tone was generally steadier at the higher price levels. Floor stocks were adequate from regular suppliers, with offerings generally sufficient for current needs. Trading and demand was mostly moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 23, 2000 were 2% more than the previous week, but 9% less than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	36-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-27
EASTERN REGION AREA:	
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV	

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Sep-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,217,566	27,221	12,009	6,693	2,786	4,328
PW	1,234,193	27,975	12,569	6,282	2,831	4,067
LY	1,238,060	30,311	10,941	5,890	2,639	4,029
% PW	-1	-3	-4	7	-2	6
% LY	-2	-10	10	14	6	7
2000	44,445,024	1,001,061	449,323	241,493	109,452	147,663
1999	42,002,677	970,409	400,763	218,384	98,319	132,796

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.27	41.24	41.33

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported from 26 to 27 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk ranging from 55 to 60.5 cents fob mostly 57 to 60.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, generally steady for whites and continued firm for yolk. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and yolk and mostly moderate but improved for whites. Offerings were about adequate for whole egg, tight to short of needs for yolk and adequate to available for whites. Breaking stock supplies were very closely balanced to short of processor needs.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 29 September, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	34-38.5	35.31	1.02
WHITES	17	24-26.5	24.76	.16
YOLKS	11	54-56	55.45	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whites, but usually higher on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady on yolks, steadier on whole, and unsettled to about steady on whites. Demand was light to good with yolks receiving the best interest. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs but at some locations offerings were held with increased confidence. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 23, 2000 were unchanged from last week, but 11 percent less than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	46-49	47-48	49-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		58-75
WHITES	35-39	37-39	43-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-66	63-65	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-64	61-63	62-66
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to higher with whites unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, generally steady for whites, and firm for yolk. Offerings continued tight to adequate for all products with demand centered around immediate needs. A few buyers that were not covered through the remainder of the year were seeking coverage at this time. Most breakers were reporting frozen inventories as tight to about adequate with liquid schedules not allowing time to build additional frozen inventories. Asking prices continued higher for whole egg and yolk for next week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	46-49	47-48
WHITES	36-39	37-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-65	63-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-64	62-64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites, and 2 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/23 was 3% less than previous week. Breaking stock offerings about adequate. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	52-55
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-68

NATIONAL DRIED Majority prices on yolk were higher, unchanged to higher on whole, other majority values were reported as unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm on yolks, generally steady on whole, and unsettled on whites. Demand was usually light to fair with most inquiry still centering on yolk products. Supplies were about adequate on yolks, adequate on whole, and adequate to available on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 23, 2000 were 2 percent less than last week but 6 percent more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY 1.70-1.75
YOLKS	1.30-1.55	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.10	MOSTLY 2.90-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35	MOSTLY 1.25-1.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 22, 00-SEPT 28,00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
99.50								44.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
TOTAL LOADS				NW				SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	48.00	49.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	58.00	58.92	—	51.50	—	—	15.00
GNR W 1	50.90	54.91	47.42	49.00	53.50	49.00	48.00	GNR W 3	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	38.83	—	—	41.13	40.33	45.00	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	61.00	66.14	1.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	38.75	41.00	4.00	GL W XL	52.50	56.60	—	—	55.00	59.41	8.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	36.50	38.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	55.07	—	—	54.00	57.60	13.75
GNR BR 1	—	55.00	54.00	59.00	—	—	4.00	GL W MD	33.00	—	—	—	—	42.00	4.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	53.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W XL	54.00	57.00	—	55.00	50.62	55.00	12.50								
GL W LG	52.00	56.13	52.00	53.50	49.84	—	17.25								
GL W MD	—	—	35.63	39.29	33.50	37.00	15.75								
GL W SM	—	—	23.79	25.21	—	—	4.75								
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.75	35.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	27.38	11.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were sufficient for processors needs as interest was irregular for finished product sales. However, processing schedules will be normal for next week as offerings increased in availability. Demand was still light and unaggressive as canner sales were only fair. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were somewhat tighter than the previous week but still in a range of adequate to instances fully adequate. Demand was moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked close to desired schedules. Offerings irregular.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2) .25

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 29-SEP-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	71.49	69.11	54.59
SOUTHERN	69.57	67.40	48.69
MIDWEST	61.86	60.62	45.26
WESTERN	92.46	85.10	69.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	76.70	72.77	57.48

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were generally unchanged on light canners, but trending slightly higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were still sufficient for current requirements. Demand was fair to good. Undertone was mostly steady on lights and fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25 MAJORITY	25.5-27.75 MAJORITY 25.75-27.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24.75-25 MAJORITY	26.5-29 MAJORITY 27.25-28.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-SEPT-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,718	1,658	3,376
LAST WEEK	1,813	1,570	3,383
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,994	1,657	3,651
TO-DATE/2000	73,070	54,852	127,922
TO-DATE/1999	80,116	52,776	132,892

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	492	0	492
LAST WEEK	401	0	401
SAME WEEK YR AGO	416	5	421
TO-DATE/2000	17,733	291	18,024
TO-DATE/1999	17,862	204	18,066

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	2,210	1,658	3,868
LAST WEEK	2,214	1,570	3,784
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,410	1,662	4,072
TO-DATE/2000	90,803	55,143	145,946
TO-DATE/1999	97,978	52,980	150,958

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 16, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	101	343	5,118
Frozen	0	0	126
Dried	43	0	419
Total	144	343	5,663

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 16, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	41	32	4,037
Frozen	48	5	657
Dried	47	0	701
Total	136	37	5,395

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 16, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	138	93	1,743
Extra Large	850	2,915	36,588
Large	5,157	3,233	105,231
Medium	660	750	25,479
Ungraded	8,250	22,560	277,894
Misc	0	0	9,387
Total	15,055	29,551	456,322

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
65-68	56-62	54-59	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-44	27-29	11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	79-82	74-77	43-46	15-18

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 25-Sep-00	4,268	160,624	77,114
AM 1-Aug-00	4,051	167,385	75,915
CHG	217	-6761	1199
PCT CHG	5	-4	2

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-Sep-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.1	24.0	5	-13
BOSTON	3.3	4.0	-18	-41
CHICAGO	50.8	53.4	-5	26
DETROIT	21.8	25.0	-13	-25
KANSAS CITY	4.6	2.9	59	31
LOS ANGELES	91.9	101.3	-9	6
NEW ORLEANS	9.0	7.4	22	2
NEW YORK	37.1	33.9	9	5
ST. LOUIS	12.3	14.9	-17	-21
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	21.1	5	8
TOTAL	278.1	287.9	-3	1
4 WK MVG AVG	281.3			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

23-Sep-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS LAST YEAR	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	
N. ATLANTIC	216.8	2	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	523.9	1	10
W.N. CENTRAL	265.3	4	15
S. ATLANTIC	191.8	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	70.1	-9	-5
WEST	181.6	-1	-17
TOTAL	1449.5	1	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 89

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	111 -	105 -	76 -	48 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	103-107 105-106	97-101 99-100	69-73 71-72	41-45 43-44
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	105-109 105	99-103 99	72-76 72	44-48 44
VERMONT MOSTLY	114-115 114	105-108 108	79 -	- -

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